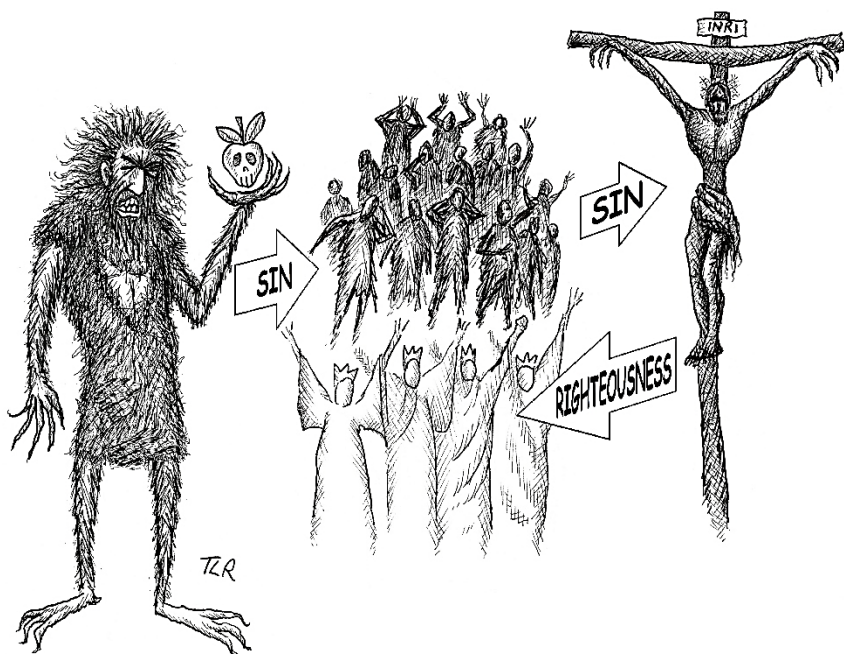


THE THREE GREAT
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VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
OCTOBER 5TH, AD 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of October, *in the Year of our Lord 2025*



- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Our studies continue on the impact of the Reformation.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Glory be the Father"* (#559).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"* (#202).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Phm. 1:8-20.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Amazing Grace"* (#200).



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In Adam's Fall
We Sinned all.

New England Primer, AD 1727

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Grace Greater than our Sin"* (#38).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: *"THE THREE GREAT IMPUTATIONS OF SCRIPTURE."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* (#46; vv. I, 4).

Benediction.*

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study: Thurs., 10/9, 6:30 PM

Week of Sept. 28 – Oct. 4:

Sunday School: 6; Morning Worship: 14; Midweek: 7; Offering: \$1,083.⁰⁰;

Video, YouTube, Rumble, Facebook:

"Charlie Kirk: American Martyr:" 263 views.

"Christianity vs. Cultural Marxism:" 109 views.

Internet Archive Audio (*"Charlie Kirk"*): 11 listens



Cover illustration: *"Imputation"* by Pastor Terry L. Reese.

HOLY COMMUNION: Next week, OCT. 12, 1:00 PM

“WOKE” POPE FINALLY *LOSES IT*...

Looney Pontiff blesses ice-block; also denounces “inhuman” US immigration policy and claims that abortion and capital punishment are morally equivalent acts

by Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA



A number of *very* important Popes have borne the name **LEO**. **Leo I** (5th cent.), oft-labelled the “first *real* Pope,” saved Rome from being sacked by Atilla the Hun. **Leo III** (9th cent.) crowned Charlemagne “Holy Roman Emperor,” thereby enhancing western unity & promoting the prestige of the Papacy. **Leo IX** (11th cent.) provoked the *Great Schism* with the Eastern churches through his high-handed claims of *Papal supremacy*. The decadent **Leo X** of the Reformation Era furthered schism by resisting reform & excommunicating Luther. **Leo XIII** (19th cent.) was the architect of progressive Catholic Social Teaching, emphasizing the employment of various communal efforts in pursuing “social justice.” And NOW we have **Bob Prevost** (*a.k.a.*, “**Leo XIV**”), an American expatriate of some four decades who succeeded “Hippy Pope” Francis to the Papacy in May. Aspiring to be the next great “Leo,” Pope Bob provided us with a diverting display this week, barely concealing his intent to surpass his predecessor in wokeness, sass, Biblical ineptitude, and out-and-out lunacy. On Oct. 1, in commemoration of Francis’ “green” encyclical *Laudato Si* (2005), Pope Bob/Leo addressed an international assembly near Rome, calling for the citizens of the world to pressure their governments to save the planet from global warming. In a ceremony laden with weird New Age/Neo-Pagan overtones, Leo also called for an international “*ecological conversion*” and then proceeded to “bless” an ice block imported from Greenland. He further announced that plans are in the works to transform the Vatican (the world’s smallest microstate) into the world’s first “carbon-neutral state” through solar panels. This follows the Pontiff’s bizarre foray into the realm of US politics on Sept. 30, in which he offered diplomatically-expressed support for the Chicago Archdiocese’s proposal to honor Sen. Dick Durbin with a lifetime achievement award for his advocacy on behalf of “immigrants”—even though Durbin’s pro-abortion stance has barred him from the Mass for 20 years. Pope Bob went on to say: “*Someone who says, ‘I’m against abortion,’ but is in favor of the death penalty is not really pro-life. Someone who says, ‘I’m against abortion but I’m in agreement with the inhuman treatment of immigrants in the United States,’ I don’t know if that’s pro-life.*” Putting aside his slanderous mischaracterization of US policy and open contempt for President Trump (who spoke against climate-change alarmism earlier that week at the UN), someone should inform the Biblically illiterate Pontiff that the Word of God *mandates* capital punishment (Gen. 9:5-6) and national borders (Acts 17:26)!

The Three Imputations of Scripture

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2Cor. 5:21: “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Imputation (Gk., *logizomai*) is the idea frequently expressed (10 X’s in Rom. 4 alone—the “imputation chapter”) within the Scriptures that indicates that something is *credited* unto, *reckoned* unto, or *accounted* to a person. Imputation involves attributing something—*good or evil*—to someone, and then proceeding to deal with that person in accordance with their ascribed status. In this discussion, we deal with the question of how we are *legally regarded*, in the sight of God. Scripture deals with three great imputations, in this sense.

I. The sin of Adam has been imputed (i.e., reckoned) unto his offspring (Rom. 5:12, 1Cor. 15:22). The sin of the **Head of the Human Race**, our **common father Adam**, has been attributed to every human being (the Virgin-born Christ *alone* excepted)—even to unborn children and those without Biblical revelation (Rom. 5:14). From God’s perspective, we were *in* Adam, and are thus **guilty** in Adam (as well as for our personal transgressions and for our inherited disposition towards sin). We are legally guilty, guilty, guilty!!!

BUT God has a **great remedy**: a **Double Imputation** (referred to by Luther as the “Great Exchange”)—beautifully illustrated in Paul’s Epistle to Philemon (1:17-18)!

II. At Calvary, the believer’s sins were imputed or reckoned unto Christ, our Suffering Substitute (Isa. 53:5-6; 1Pet. 2:24, 3:18; 2Cor. 5:21)! Though Christ was sinless, He was **reckoned guilty** for our transgressions. He became the God-forsaken One for *us*; He answered the penalty for *our* sins and satisfied the Father’s holy demands for justice (becoming our *propitiation*; 1John 2:2, 4:10).

III. Further, Christ’s perfect & infinite righteousness is legally reckoned or imputed unto the believer (Rom.4; 5:17-19, 2Cor. 5:21). Genuine righteousness is required to enter God’s Presence—but *our* imperfect native righteousness is as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6), falling short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). Believers, however, are graciously clothed in the unchanging, immutable Righteousness of *Christ* (Isa. 61:10)!